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Additional Judge.—S. F. Wilson, Wellsboro, Tioga Co.
Associate Judges.—W. S. Brownell, Smethport; F. N. Burnham, Eldred.
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Sheriff.—Roswell Sartwell, Smethport.
Prothonotary.—John B. Brawley, Bradford.
County Treasurer.—W. D. Gallup, Smethport.
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County Clerk.—H. F. Barbour, Smethport.
Jury Commissioners.—J. A. Anderson, J. E. B. White.
Auditors.—O. D. Vosburgh, J. J. Roharts, C. L. Bellows.
County Surveyor.—G. H. Lyon, Bradford, Pa.
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Asst Burgess.—H. S. Sartwell.
Council.—S. S. Gleason, S. Gorton, A. B. Armstrong, Carl Sage, L. Ramer, W. D. Gallup.
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Auditors.—W. Gilford, C. M. Sartwell, A. B. Armstrong.
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Assistant Assessors.—A. B. Armstrong, William Ramer.

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The County Commissioners will hold regular sessions at the Commissioners Office on the first Monday of each month for the transaction of any business that may be brought before them. ☞ A special meeting will be held on the first Thursday after each court week for the settlement of county costs in Commonwealth cases.

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to old and new patrons, at reasonable rates. For the present he will occupy the old "Side Hill Gallery" until he can put up a new building.

NEW MILK ROUTE.

Prices Reduced.

The undersigned desires to notify the people of Smethport and vicinity that he will establish a new milk route, commencing about the 10th inst., and until about the middle of October will supply fresh milk for

Three Cents a Quart.

After that date and during the winter season the price will be Four cents a quart. The patronage of the public is respectfully solicited.

WILLIS B. RIPLEY.

Sept. 4, 1879.—1y.

ALFRED STURDEVENT

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into the front part of L. S. Gleason's store,

Main St., SMETHPORT, PA.,

Where he has improved facilities for

SHAVING & HAIR-DRESSING

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CUFFS, COLLARS & TOILET GOODS

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THE profuse Democratic promises of good behavior strike the public a good deal as Indian promises to the same effect. It was long decided that the only really good Indian was a dead Indian, and it is pretty generally believed now that the only good Democratic party possible is a dead one.

MR. JOHN. D. DEFREES, public printer by the grace of the printing ring, makes free with the late Oliver P. Morton's memory to declare him a "man of expediency, not of convictions." Defrees was a liberal in '75, and has not conquered his prejudices.—*Syracuse Journal.*

QUEEN VICTORIA has just purchased several barrels of fine American flour, made by the new process, at $9.00 per barrel. This is to be exclusively used in the Queen's household, which suggests that possibly Princess Louise has concluded to stay all winter, and will use none but American flour.

THE Louisiana election occurs early next month and is exciting great interest—in Louisiana. Mr. Carroll of the New York *Times*, who is down there, writes that there is a remarkable Republican revival, and the party is again in line. Its candidates are above criticism and it is making a vigorous fight, without outside help. Whether it can win he does not undertake to say.

A BALLOT box which rings a bell when a vote enters the box, which counts all the ballots as they are received, stamps them with a number, and files them neatly away beyond the reach of any hand, and would seem to be as nearly perfect a device for preventing fraud at the polls as could be devised. Such an one has been contrived. It seems to be a sort of Moffat bell attachment.

DOWN in Maine the governor and council are threatening to count out the Republican majority in the legislature, which is exciting some alarm. The Republicans have elected eighty-nine members in the house, and there is one vacancy by death, while the Democrats have sixty-one in the same branch. In the senate the Republicans have nineteen members and the Democrats twelve. In order to gain control of the legislature the Democrats have to indulge in some tall fraud, which would come with an exceeding bad grace from a party that is constantly condemning fraud of that kind. But it must be remembered that it makes a very great difference with that party on which side the fraud is committed.

COL. JOHN HAY, who has been apointed assistant secretary of state, in place of M. Seward, who retires on account of the health of his wife, has had great advantages for the study of diplomacy. For nearly eight years he was the private secretary of President Lincoln. Afterwards he was secretary of Legation in Paris, Charge d'Affairs at Vienna, succeeding Mr. Motley, and Secretary of Legation at Madrid. Few young men have had a more singularly varied and brilliant diplomatic career, or have made the acquaintance of more public men. As an auther and a poet Col. Hay has also made his mark. His "Little Breeches" has made his name immortal, and his "Castilian Days" is one the finest books ever written in Spain. His appointment is one eminently fit to be made.

THE decision of the United States Supreme Court, declaring trade-mark laws unconstitutional, is of great importance. The advocates of the constitutionality of those laws grounded their claim upon that clause of the Constitution which empowers Congress to pass laws for the protection of authors and inventors, and also upon the right of Congress to regulate commerce with foreign nations and between the States. With respect to the first claim, the Court holds that an ordinary trade-mark has no relation to invention or discovery, and none to authorship. With respect to the second claim, the Court says that the clause which empowers Congress to regulate commerce does not bring within its control every species of property which is the subject of commerce. If the use of trade-marks is not limited by the act to inter-state or international commerce but extends to all trade and to commerce between all points, Congress, the Court decides, has clearly exercised a power not conferred by the Constitution. The number of trade-marks which are in existence, and the magnitude of the interests involved in many of them, make this decision one of widespread interest.

Curious Oil Well Statistics.

From the Titusville News.

Mr. Hugh M. Parshall, in his leisure moments, has figured out the following interesting statistics regarding the drilling of an oil well 1,850 feet deep and containing 350 feet of casing: It requires the cutting of 381 cubic feet of rock, weighing thirty and one half tons. To cut and pump this requires three feet of water to one of rock; making 1,143 feet of water, weighing thirty-five tons and 1,437 pounds, or total weight of sixty-six and a quarter tons. Allowing each bit that enters the well to cut ahead four feet, it will require the tools to travel in their descent and ascent from the well, a distance of 169 miles and 188 feet. With the baller the sixty-six and one-fourth tons of sediment have to be hauled to the surface, and running the baller twice after each bit requires it to travel 294 miles and 376 feet. In addition to this, the balling out of 350 feet of casing requires the hauling to the surface of one ton and 1,770 pounds of water. Allowing the baller to haul one and one-half cubic feet per trip, it will travel 2,714 miles. When completed this 1,850 feet of five and five-eighths hole will hold fifty-six barrels and thirty-six gallons.

JAY COOK'S ESTATE.

IT PAYS DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR—ALL WHO HOLD ON TO THEIR NORTHERN PACIFIC BONDS COME OUT AHEAD.

Philadelphia Times

All who can remember the events of last decade have distinctly in their recollections the suspension of Jay Cook & Co., then the most widely known banking house of the country among the people. It brought out the old story that ever greets the unfortunate; the charge of financial rottenness long before failure, and senseless wrangles between disputing and often denunciatory creditors. The law's proverbial long delays followed; costs were piled up by the tens of thousands of dollars; every proposition to adjust the claims was met with insolent contempt by a considerable class of of the claimants, and many did all in their power to hinder the wise conversion and distribution of the assets. Jay Cook, the head of the house, and then yet in the prime of life, was jeered at when he declarad that every creditor would be paid in full, if ordinary prudence was exercised in the management of the estate: but he braved the more than unbelievers and worked with Mr. Lewis, apparently in utter hopelessness, to pay the liabilities of his house dollar for dollar. After years of labor and trouble, Jay Cook was discharged in bankruptcy and his property was divided among his creditors. Since then he has started life anew and has prospered, and has completely vindicated the assurance made to his creditors six years ago. The securities divided among the creditors of Jay Cook & Co. are now commanding on the market more than ten per cent. above the amount of the claims, and the singular spectacle is presented of what was regarded as a most disastrous failure paying creditors in full. It is no reflection upon either the integrity or the business skill of the trustee to say, that had Jay Cook been permitted to act with plenary powers as the trustee of his creditors, his intimate knowledge of the property and his sleepless energy would have paid his creditors in full long ago and left a handsome fortune for himself. A trustee bound by the law and subordinate to exacting and often inexorable claimants has saved the estate from the stain of insolvency, and Jay Cook will, as is the custom of the world, be confessed a wise and honest man by many who had once ceased so to regard him.

The Business Boom.

The Somerset foundry went into blast last week.

The Bridge Works, at Pottstown, are to be enlarged at once.

The making of railroad supplies in Detroit employes 2,555 people.

The nail factory at Birdsborough, Pa., will turn out 1,000 kegs a day.

The Colebrookdale Iron Works have advanced wages ten per cent.

The Erie blast furnace will be ready to commence operations about the 1st of January.

Fifty-three cotton mills in operation in North Carolina consumed last year 38,498 bales of cotton.

Several of the furnaces in the new rolling mill at Palo Alto, Schuylkill county, have been started up.

The wrench factory at Girard, Erie county, is turning out 1,350 wrenches a day, and is far behind its orders.

The Augusta, Ga., cotton mills have a capital of $800,000, and a dividend of 28 per cent on the money invested.

The new Bloomfield rolling mill is running with a full force, who are promised a rise in wages with the first increase in price of iron.

The old paper mill at Beaver Falls has been leased by a Latrobe firm, and is now undergoing extensive repairs, preparatory to going into vigorous operation.

The Indianapolis rolling mill was in operation only 16 days in October, and turned 1,676 tons of rails. Thus far this month the mill has not been idle a day.

The employes of the Orwigsburg, Pa., Shoe Manufacturing Company are very busy in orders, in consequence of the recent advances in the price of leather and shoe findings.

Within the last two weeks an additional number of machinists and boiler makers have been put to work in the shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Harrisburg.

The Ames Company at Chicopee, Mass., are said to have a new contract in prospect for the manufacture of 90,000 more sabre bayonets for the Turks, and 16,000 Remington muskets.

UNCLE SAM'S farm, as we have been frequently assured is a big one. The report of the general land office, soon to be issued, will show that for the fiscal year ending the 30th June last, 9,833,133 acres of the public lands were disposed of, and 9,448,996 acres were surveyed in addition to the 784,591,235 acres previously surveyed. The total number of acres of the public domain still unsurveyed is about one thousand and eighty-one millions. Enough to make a small kingdom of itself.

THERE is a rumor that General Noyes is to return from France and that Murat Halstead will be called upon to fill the vacancy. We do not believe it, however. If Halstead goes to France at all, it will be as Commander-in-chief of the French army and leading spirit of a war against Germany to bring down the price of beer to three cents a glass.—*Buffalo Express.*

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Because you have allowed your bowels to become costive, and liver torpid. Use Kidney-Wort to produce a free state of the bowels, and it will stimulate the liver to proper action, cleanses the skin of its yellowness, cures bilious headache, and causes new life in the blood.

Tracy's Plea For Life.

Special Dispatch to the Philadelphia Times.

HARRISBURG, Nov. 18.

While the Board of Pardons was in session to-day considering a Venango county case Colonel Quay was seized with illness and had to be conveyed to the Lochiel House in a carriage. In the consequence of his indisposition the hearing of the Tracy murder case was postponed from this afternoon until evening, in the hope that he would then be able to attend. The homicide case was considered to-night, but the only members present were Palmer, Stone and Dunkel. The argument was opened by S. R. Mason, of Mercer, who said he had known the prisoner for many years and considered him mentally unsound. He had employed him in his law office and no dependence could be placed on him. He could commit volumes to memory, but possessed no business qualifications. Mr. Mason read from a pamphlet containing 16 letters and 21 affidavits, nearly all from residents of Mercer county, setting fourth the hallucination of the murderer. He also stated that the father of Mary Reilly, the murdered woman, had declared immediately after the commission of the crime that he could shake hands with the slayer of his daughter, as he was insane and had been for years, and the only fear that he now had was that the murderer might be liberated and kill other members of his family. One evidence of Tracy's insanity, Mr. Mason said, was the fact that on the night he shot his cousin h lingered in the neighborhood of the Reily residence and listened to the lamentations of the family. District Attorney Smith, of McKean county, who opposed the commutation, called attention to the fact that the affidavits of the defense were not in accordance with the rules of the board, but he would make no serious objection to their consideration. He thought it singular that none of the affidavits alleging insanity had been made by citizens of McKean county, in which the crime was committed, although Tracy had practiced law at Smethport for several years and was well known in the county. The interests of public justice demand that he expiate his crime on the gallows. The case was closed by A. B. Richmond, of Meadville, who defended Tracy at his trial. He referred to the fact that the board had at the previous meeting refused to commute the death sentence, and said that if the court had known that such action would be taken a different grade of crime would have been established. In closing Mr. Richmond made an earnest appeal for mercy for the condemned.

Railway Extension.

The Buffalo *Courier* calls loudly for better railway facilities for the transportation of coal to that city. The roads now in operation are unable to supply a sufficient number of cars to accommodate shippers, and per consequence, the mines are only half worked. The *Courier* says:

The route from the Reynoldsville region to Buffalo is very circuitous, and embraces three different railroad companies, the Allegheny Valley, the Philadelphia and Erie and the Buffalo, New York & Philadelphia. If the McKean Co. road, intersecting the Buffalo, New York & Philadelphia at Larrabee were to be extended about forty-five miles from the present terminus, Clermont to Falls Creek, on the Allegheny Valley road, and in the heart of the Reynoldsville Basin, the distance to Buffalo would be shortened about fifty miles. Then if this route were controlled by one company, freight could be lowered fifty to seventy-five cents a ton. Mr. George B. Gates, the manager of the B. N. Y. & P. railroad, estimates the cost of this extension at $700,000 and it would probably be less than a million. Its effect upon that road and upon Buffalo as a bituminous coal market would be tremendous, the lowering of freights make a corresponding decrease in price, and thus extending the area which could be profitably supplied from this point.

STATE NEWS.

—There is a boom in the lumber business

—Venison steak sells for 25 cents a pound in Wilkesbarre.

—A two-headed calf is the latest curiosity in Chester county.

—Dandelion was in bloom in Mercer county on the 4th of this month.

—There is an epidemic disease among swine in Chester county.

—The eastern part of this state is now largely supplied with horses from Texas.

—Meadville's new public library will be opened the week before Christmas.

—For several days there were no arrests in Wilkesbarre of persons on any charge.

—The United Brethren of Chester county are now engaged in a series of very successful revival meetings.

—An experimental oil well in Cambria county is now sunk 800 feet, and is as dry as a powder horn.

—There is a general complaint in our exchanges about the bad behavior of boys at places of amusement.

—The school teachers of Mercer county have struck against the system of "boarding around," and the directors have abolished it.

—One of the healthy signs of the times is the general effort throughout the State to secure lecture courses during the winter.

—Mr. F. B. Whiting a well known bookseller in St. Albans, Vt., was cured of the most distressing Piles, in a very short time by the use of Kidney-Wort. He now uses it as a family medicine in all cases of biliousness, liver complaint, and disordered Kidneys. Those habitually costive are quickly cured by it.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

The Lungs

Are strained and racked by a persistent cough, the general strength wasted, and an incurable complaint often established thereby. Hamilton's Cough Balsam is an effective remedy for coughs and colds and exerts a beneficial effect on the pulmonary and bronchial organs. Sample bottles 25 cents; large size 50 cents. Sold by A. B. Armstrong.

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Parmelee's Blood Purifier to cleanse an impure circulation or wake up a dormant liver has no equal. It does the business thoroughly every time, promoting active bilious secretion, and restoring to the life current the purity of perfect health. Price, $1 per bottle; sample bottles 15 cents. Sold by A. B. Armstrong.

—Farmers all over the country enjoy writing to the agricultural papers in praise of the Perfected Butter Color of Wells, Richardson & Co., Burlington, Vt. They claim its superiority over all other coloring matter, both as to purity and reasonable cost. Every dairyman should use it.

Haunted Me.

Debt, poverty and suffering haunted me for years, caused by a sick family and large bills for doctoring, which did no good. I was completely discouraged until one year ago, by the advice of my pastor, I procured Hop Bitters and commenced their use, and in one month we were all well, and none of us have been sick a day since; and I want to say to all poor men, you can keep your families well a year with Hop Bitters for less than one doctor's visit will cost.—A Workingman.

Dr. Fenner's Blood and Liver Remedy and Nerve Tonic may well be called "the conquering hero" of the times. It is *the* medical triumph of the age. Whoever has "the blues" should take it, for it *regulates* and *restores* the disordered system that gives rise to them. It always cures Biliousness and Liver Complaint, Jaundice, Dyspepsia, Constipation, Headaches, FEVER AND AGUE, SPLEEN ENLARGEMENTS, Scrofula, Erysipelas, Pimples, Blotches and ALL SKIN ERUPTIONS and BLOOD DISORDERS; Swelled Limbs and Dropsy; Sleeplessness, Impaired Nerves and Nervous Debility; Restores flesh and strength when the system is running down or going into decline; cures Female Weakness and Chronic Rheumatism, and relieves Chronic Bronchitis, and all Lung and Throat difficulties. It does these things by striking at the root of disease and removing its causes.

Dr. Fenner's Improved Cough Honey will relieve any cough in one hour.

Dr. Fenner's Golden Relief cures any pain, as Tooth-ache, Neuralgia, Colic or Headache in 5 to 30 minutes, and readily relieves Rheumatism, Kidney Complaint, Diarrhœa, etc.

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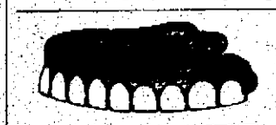

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FINANCIAL TOPICS.

Written for the Tribune by Col. Wm. M. Grosvenor.

VI.

GOLD GOES WHERE IT IS WANTED.

In this country we have a currency that is as good as gold, because redeemed on demand in gold. Hence it is alike good in all places and at all times. Yet men ask, with great anxiety, if we have enough of it. To meet that doubt we have first to see that gold always goes where it is needed.

No farmer is afraid that there may not be axes or ploughs enough. No joiner lies awake nights lest there should be too few planes or chisels. Gold is only another tool. It is the tool for buying. It never perishes. It wears out more slowly than any other thing in daily use. Why is this the only tool of which men ever fear that there may not be enough? If axes or planes get scarce in any country, we know that others will come from every part of the civilized world. But gold can be moved at less cost than any other tool we use. Why should we fear that it will not come where it is needed?

Suppose that saws or axes would cut twice as well, when there were few, as when there were many; could there ever be a lack of them? Or if poughs would turn up twice as many acres in a day, if they were scarce, should we not be sure that ploughs would be sent from all other places, to the place where they could do the most work? But there is no other tool, except money, which has this power of doing more work when it it is scarce than when it is plenty. If it grows scarce, prices fall; that is, the same amount of gold will buy more. Price is nothing but an expression of the comparative desire for money and for things to be bought. If the desire for money gains, as when it is scarce, the same amount will buy more wheat or pork, and prices fall. If the desire for things gains, as when they are scarce, the wheat, or pork, or cotton will buy more money, and prices rise. So the tool called money, if it ever grows scarce at any point, instantly begins to do more work; prices fall; and money will buy more there than elsewhere.

In every part of the world, men who have gold are watching prices to see where it will buy the most of the things they want. As soon as any place becomes the best in which to buy, they send gold thither. Formerly this natural gravitation of gold to the place where it was most needed took some weeks or months. But now the telegraph tells buyers every morning, in all the markets of the world, how much wheat or cotton they can get for their gold in New York. When this is the best market in which to buy, their orders go by telegraph, and their gold in London and Paris begins to do its work in this city long before it can arrive here. Thus more money comes to a gold-using country, and actually begins to do its work in buying, long before any wise man or any Congress can detect the fact that more is needed there. Each merchant may know how prices of his goods at New York compare with prices of those goods in other countries, but no man can know enough of the prices of all articles, here and elsewhere, to fix the day when the range of them becomes on the whole lower here than it is in other lands. But the instant gold is needed here, it begins to come, obeying a law of nature as subtle and sure as the law of gravitation. Usually, the first warning that men have of a lack of gold is the news of its shipment from abroad, to pay for goods already bought.

In the mighty stream that rushes over Niagara, there is power enough to grind wheat for the whole world. Each great mill may have a simple device like a "governor," which, if the wheels run too slowly, will lift a lever, open a gate a little wider, and allow more water to rush through to the power wheel. Or, if the wheels run too fast, their rapid motion will lower the lever, partly shut the gate, and leave a little more of the stream to flow away unused. Thus rains and springs far away in Canada, Michigan and Minnesota, which furnish unlimited power, could be made to supply to each of many mills only the exact amount that it requires. In like manner, the laws of nature put the gold from all the mines and vaults in the world at the command of gold-using countries, and so perfectly regulate the supply that each can get exactly what it needs. If prices go too high, and the wheels of trade run too swiftly, the gate begins to close, and less gold comes because less is needed.—If prices go to low, the self-regulating law of hard-money opens the gate, and more gold flows in, from the mines of Australia or the bank-vaults of Europe, to meet the need. That share goes to each country which its work requires. If it needs more, prices fall, it sells goods cheaper and in greater quantity, and gold comes in. If it has more than its true share, prices rise; it buys more goods and sells fewer, and gold goes out. We have power to meddle with this most beautiful and grand arrangement, and can cut ourselves off from all its benefits by the use of bad money. But we have no power to improve upon the plan of nature by shutting out the only kind of money the supply of which is virtually unlimited, and is absolutely and surely regulated each day by the needs of the nation that uses it.

What would be thought of the farmer who should wail in his farm, so that he could never get more seed or tools if his supply should fail? Bad money of any kind drives gold out of use. It shuts out the vast supplies of good money which come from all parts of the world to those who use and need it, and leaves us to depend wholly upon our own supply of the money we use. The supply we must blindly adjust to our needs, as best we can, and no nation ever yet has known when to stop issuing bad money. By its use it is easy to build a Chinese wall about the land, so that good money cannot come in, and to issue more and more paper as prices mount up higher. "Flush times" of funded gain may come, but a crash is sure to follow. Good money regulates itself, as to supply, more promptly and accurately than any set of men can regulate it. If needed, it comes, in unlimited amount, a current as vast and ceaseless as the river at Niagara. If it is not needed, it shuts itself off, without noise, or shock, or blunder.

KEEPING AHEAD.

Bishop Clark of Rhode Island in N. Y. Ledger.

A man's comfort in life depends very much upon his keeping a little ahead in his money affairs. If you once fall behind, it may be very difficult to make up the headway which is lost. One who begins with putting aside some part of his earnings, however small, and keeps it up for a number of years, is likely to become rich before he dies. One who inherits property and goes on year by year spending a little more than has income, will become poor if he lives long enough. Living beyond their means has brought multitudes of persons to ruin in our generation. It is the cause of nine-tenths of all the defalcations which have disgraced the age. Bankers and business men in general do not often help themselves to other people's money until their own funds begin to fall off, and their expenditures exceed their receipts. A man who is in debt walks in the midst of perils. I have known merchants who, in their prosperity, would have scorned the thought of anything approaching to fraud, and yet, when they found themselves sinking, have resorted to base devices which would seem to be utterly foreign to their nature. A drowning man will clutch at the throat of his best friend to save himself. Debt in itself is dreadfully demoralizing. It may sometimes be inevitable; but, even where there is no dishonesty connected with it, the moral fibre is liable to be injured by its influence. It cannot but impair one's self-respect when he feels that he is living upon money which belongs to others. How much better, whenever it is possible, to keep a little ahead, even though we deny ourselves all the luxuries and some of the comforts of existence.

It is also very desirable that we should keep somewhat ahead in our work. This may not be possible in all cases; as, for instance, when a man's work is assigned to certain fixed hours, like that of the operative in a mill. But there are certain classes of people who can choose their time for the work which they are called to do, and amongst them there are some who invariably put off the task assigned them as long as possible, and then come to its performance hurried, perplexed, anxious, confused,—in such a state of mind as certainly unfits them for doing their best work. I do not think that the ablest sermons which are preached are such as are concocted after sunset on Saturday evening. A clergyman's preparation for Sunday should be made in season to allow him the seventh day of the week for a Sabbath of rest. There would be fewer break-downs in the ministry if our preachers did not so often enter the pulpit jaded by the late hours they have kept on the previous night.—Some men, when an appintment is made for them to deliver a special discourse months ahead, will do nothing about it until a day or two before the date assigned. Once in a while a man of genius may be found who works best under pressure, and occasionally we hear of great authors who keep the printer's boy waiting at the door while they dash off at lightning speed, and in characters which are a sore trial to the printer and proof-reader, pages of impassioned poetry and fiction which electrify the world. But these are rare exceptions, and it is not well for ordinary mortals to follow their example.

One secret of success in life consists in keeping ahead of others in our plans. Society is divided into two classes—leaders and followers—those who "go ahead" and those who merely "fall into line." How are great fortunes made? Partly, as I have already said, by saving, and also by striking out in advance of others. A far-sighted, long-headed Astor sees there are resources in furs far away in the northwest quarter of the new world; a Tudor meditates upon the comfort it would give the sweltering inhabitants of the tropics if ice could be brought to their doors, and what profit it might also give to the man who should send it to them; a Corliss studies the steam engine to see what it needs to make it perfect, and has since invented the only *safe* which is absolutely burglar-proof; and others whose names are equally familiar to us, by just keeping ahead of the world in their plans, have managed to reap a rich and abundant harvest. The *Ledger* which the reader hold in his hands, and which falls in flakes over every part of the land, is the result of a wise forecast which anticipated a great want in our American society, and undertook to supply it. A thing once done, it may be easy to copy and multiply it; but it is the pioneer who went ahead and first broke the ground that deserves the praise. It is to the men who open new paths, and disclose to us regions that were unknown before, that the world is most indebted.

It is the advanced idea of a few men in one generation which decides the destiny of the generation that follows. The new thought, from which perhaps we may shrink with a natural dread, when it reaches our posterity will have become a sacred and hallowed thing. Not that all which in our day is called "advanced thinking" deserves so noble a title; in religion more especially, strangely enough, men are sometimes spoken of as "advanced" who are marching straight back into the bogs of the dark ages; while others arrogate the title to themselves simply because they deny everything which the world has agreed to receive as true. The highest thought is that which affirms,—not that which denies. The old image-breakers would not have been worthy of much credit if they had not set up something better for us to worship in place of the idols which they destroyed. A true reformation is a re-formation,—a re-forming, not a destroying.

Society is always in need of men who command respect and reverence because of their elevated character. We look up to certain persons, we look *down* on others; we simply look *at* the great majority,—because of the monotonous level on which the multitude stand. If it were not for the example of few eminent men we should have a low standard of character. In every village of a thousand or more inhabitants there are usually some four or five men and women whose influence would be sorely missed if they should be taken away. They keep ahead of other people,—in enterprise, as well as in character. A handful of such persons may elevate the whole tone of the community. Alas for a town where all people are on a level! It is sure to be a pretty low level! "Town meeting day" tells the whole story. School teachers' salaries cut down, public improvements blocked, ignorant and ill-mannered men sent to the Legislature, general evasion of taxes, law-suits without number—is the reader so unfortunate as to live in a place where these features are prominent? Then let him try to change things for better and put himself in advance of the community to which he belongs. He may expect rough treatment at first; he may be ridiculed and maligned and persecuted,—so have all men been who have set forward the world. The more you are abused, the more it shows that you are needed.

Finally, let every young man who has a soul in him determine not only to get ahead, but to *keep* ahead until he drops out of his place to make way for some one else. In our day those who are coming on to the stage of action find it particularly hard to get a start,—the roads are blocked, there is a crowd of applicants for every respectable station or opening, and it is only the active and vigilant who stand much chance of getting ahead. But remember for your comfort, that those who succeeded best are often such as had to strive hardest in the beginning. What special advantage did the great majority of our most successful citizens have when they started in their career? Only such as they found within themselves,—a clear head, an earnest purpose, and a strong will. They made their fortunes,—fortune did not make them.

AN AWFUL RACE.

PURSUED BY BURNING OIL CARS.

By a locomotive explosion on a Western railroad a few days ago, the engineer, John Davison was killed. Davison was one of the oldest engineers in the country and was for several years on the Buffalo, Corry and Pittsburgh Railroad, where he had one of the most terrible experiences that has ever been recorded in the history of railroading. His death recalls that night of peril to every one in that part of the State, although it has never ceased to be related in minutest detail at all gatherings of railroad men where the dangers of the footboard have been the topic.

From Mayville Summit to Brocton junction of the Lake Shore Road the distance is ten miles, but owing to the numerous sweeping curves in the railroad the distance by rail is fourteen miles.—The grade for that distance is nearly eighty feet to the mile. The Corry road extends into the Pennsylvania oil regions, and ten years ago carried large quantities of petroleum. On the night of August, 1869, Davison's engine was at the Summit with a train of one box car, six loaded oil cars and two passenger cars. The box car was next to the locomotive, and the passenger cars were at the rear of the train. The engineer had started the train, and it had attained good headway, when he discovered flames issuing from one of the oil cars. He whistled down brakes, and the coaches were cut loose from the oil cars which were quickly uncoupled from the box car. The engineer then pulled on down the hill, to get out of the reach of the burning cars, in order to save the locomotive and the other car, in which were two valuable trotting horses and their keepers on their way to Cleveland. He supposed the brakemen would put the brakes on the oil cars, but in the excitement this was not done, and they followed the locomotive, gaining headway every moment. Before the engineer had taken in the situation, the oil cars, every one of them now ablaze, came dashing upon him around a curve. They crashed into the box car, knocking in one end of it, but, singularly enough, neither that nor any of the moving cars were thrown from the track by the collision. The engineer and fireman could have escaped all danger by abandoning the locomotive, but, as Davison said when asked afterward why he did not pursue that course, they had $30,000 worth of the company's property in their charge, and they were determined to save it if possible. According to the engineer's story of the incident he saw that there was to be a race for life between him, with his engine, and the flaming cars under no control. He said that when the oil cars struck the one in which the horses were the poor animals actually screamed with fright. The heat was unbearable. Davison pulled the throttle-valve wide open and he declared that they flew down the 80-foot grade so fast that the engine could not pump.—The keepers in the cars next the oil cars climbed up to the opening in the end of the car, and with faces pale as death, begged the engineer to "give her more steam." They could see the blazing oil cars through the broken end of their car, and it seemed to them that they gained at every turn of the wheels. The engineer said that when he struck the curve at the lightning speed at which he was going, he expected that his engine would leave the track and be hurled down the mountain side. The night was very dark. The engine thundered along faster than any engine ever ran in this country before or since, through woods and deep rock cuts, and on the edge of high precipices. The horses were stamping and neighing with terror in the box car, and only a few feet in the rear was the flying mass of flames rushing down the mountain like a tremendous meteor. The blaze from the thousands of gallons of burning oil was more than 60 feet in height and lighted up the woods and rocks and crooked road for miles. The whole heavens were illuminated, and from Brocton the sight of the great conflagration, apparently flying through air, now hidden for a second by a cut or piece of woods, and then leaping out again and up toward the sky like a huge fountain of fire, is described as having been awful in its grandeur.

The idea of engineer Davison was to call for the opening of the switch for him at Brocton Junction, so that he could run on to the Lake Sore track, where the grade was ascending, and where he could soon get out out of the way of the burning cars through their having lost the propelling power of the decline of the Summit grade. It happened, however, that the Cincinnati Express on the Lake Shore road would be due at the Junction when Davidson's engine reached there. To add to the terror of the situation a west bound Lake Shore freight train was at that moment running to pass the junction before the arrival of the express. There was only one thing to do, and that was to whistle for the switch and take the chances of the freight getting out of the way, and and the express being flagged or late.—The engineer knew that he must have been seen from Brocton Junction by the light of the burning oil, in his life or death race down the mountain, and that the railroad men there understood the peril of the situation, and would be prompt to act. He whistled for open switch. He and his fireman then bade each other good bye and awaited the result. The freight train gained the siding out of their way. The switch was opened, and they tore on up the Lake Shore track, past the depot and through the village and were soon out of the way of the burning cars. The latter gradually came to a stop. The engine and box car were stopped within a hundred yards of the Lake Shore Express, which was both late and signaled. When Davidson and his fireman found they were out of danger they fainted on their engine. The horses in the box car were ruined, and their keepers were taken from the box car unconscious. The oil tanks burned for three hours after they were stopped. The most fortunate circumstance of the whole affair was the uncoupling of the passenger cars from the oil cars at the Summit. They were filled with passengers; and if they had remained with the burning tanks would have been wrapped in flames in a very short time, and there would have been no escape for the passengers from a most horrible fate.—It was just 9 o'clock when Davison pulled out from Mayville Summit. When he was taken from his engine 16 miles from the starting point, it was not yet 12 minutes past the hour.

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Poor Orders,
Protests,
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Road Orders,
Summons,
Subpoena,
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Sheriff's Bill of Sale,
Statement for Judgment on Motion,
School Orders,
Transcript—Commonwealth,
Transcript—Civil,
Warrants,
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Pennsylvania Railroad.

Philadelphia & Erie R. R. Division

WINTER TIME TABLE.

On and after Sunday, NOV. 9th, 1879, the Trains on the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Division will run as follows:

WESTWARD.

ERIE MAIL leaves	Philadelphia	11.55 p.m
" "	Renovo	11 00 a.m.
" "	Emporium	1 15 p.m.
" "	St. Mary's	2 11 p.m.
" "	Kane	3 50 p.m.
arr. at	Erie	7 55 p.m.

EASTWARD.

ERIE MAIL leaves	Erie	11.30 a. m
" "	Kane	4 00 p.m.
" "	St. Mary's	5 27 p.m.
" "	Emporium	6 25 p.m.
" "	Renovo	8 40 p.m.
arr. at	Philadelphia	7 00 a.m.

Wm. A. BALDWIN.

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LINES OF TRAVEL.

TIME TABLE.

Farmers Valley and Coleville Line of Stages.

Leave Coleville 7.40 a. m. connecting with 8.30 train for Smethport and 9.20 train for Larrabee.

Leave Coleville at 1 p. m., connecting with 1.50 mail for Eldred, Bradford, Olean and Buffalo.

Leave Coleville at 4.15 p. m. connecting with 4.45 train for Larrabee.

Leave Farmers Valley at 9.35, after arrival of 9.10 and 8.55 trains from Larrabee and Smethport.

Leave Farmers Valley at 11.55, after arrival of Buffalo mail.

Leave Farmers Valley at 2.25, after arrival of mail from Clermont and Smethport.

Parties of two or more at Coleville desiring to take the 6.15 p. m. express for Olean and Buffalo at Farmers Valley can be accommodated by leaving instructions at either the Cash House or Bennett House the previous evening.

N.B.—The above schedule will be strictly observed and stages will run promptly on time and can be always depended upon.

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Time table went into effect Monday, June 9, 1879, at 8.40 o'clock a.m.

SOUTHWARD.

MAIL.—Leaves Larrabee 11.35 a. m., arriving at Frisbee 11.45*; Cory's, 11.14; Farmers Valley, 11.53; Smethport, 12.05 p.m., Crosby 12.20, Colegrove, 12.33; Hamlin, 12.57*, Westway, 12.45*; Clermont, 12.57.

EXPRESS, No. 4.—Leaves Larrabee 3.15 p.m. arriving at Frisbee 3.33*; Cory's 3.57; Farmers Valley, 3.37; Smethport 3.47.

ACCOMMODATION, No. 6.—Leaves Larrabee 8.30 a.m., arriving at Frisbee 8.57*; Cory's 9.00; Farmers Valley 9.10; Smethport 9.20.

LOCAL, No. 10, second class.—Leaves Larrabee 3.45 p. m., arriving at Frisbee 3.54*; Cory's 3.59; Farmers Valley 4.10; Smethport 4.20; Crosby 4.30*, Colegrove 4.42, Hamlin 4.47*, Westway 5.00*, Clermont 5.17.

CLERMONT COAL, Second Class, No. 20.—Leaves Larrabee 3.40 a. m., arriving at Frisbee 3.47*, Cory's 3.52, Farmers Valley 4.00, Smethport 4.10, Crosby 4.20*, Colegrove 4.32, Hamlin 4.37*, Westway 4.52*, Clermont 5.05.

NORTHWARD.

EXPRESS, No. 1.—Leaves Clermont 5.20 a.m. arriving at Westway at 5.35*, Hamlin 5.40*, Colegrove 5.49, Crosby 5.56*, Smethport 6.02, Farmers Valley 6.12, Cory's 6.22, Frisbee 6.26*, Larrabee 6.35

MAIL, No. 2.—Leaves Clermont at 1.22 p. m., arriving at Westway 1.36*, Hamlin 1.50*, Colegrove 1.55, Crosby 2.02*, Smethport 2.15, Farmers Valley 2.33, Cory's 2.50, Frisbee 2.58*, Larrabee 3.05.

ACCOMMODATION, No. 9.—Leaves Smethport at 8.20 a.m., arriving at Farmers Valley 8.35, Cory's 8.46, Frisbee 9.01*, Larrabee 9.08.

LOCAL, No. 19.—Leaves Smethport 5.32 p. m., arriving at Farmers Valley 5.47, Cory's 5.57, Frisbee 6.15*, Larrabee, 6.25.

BUFFALO COAL, No. 17.—Leaves Clermont at 5.40 p.m., arriving at Westway at 5.55*, Hamlin 6.00*, Colegrove 6.11, Crosby 6.16*, Smethport 6.31, Farmers Valley 6.47, Cory's 6.57, Frisbee 7.05*, Larrabee 7.10.

Trains will not stop at stations marked with a star (*). Trains will stop at stations marked thus (†) when flagged.

S. V. GOODELL, Superintendent.

On the Shore.

The pumpkins' fine dresses up the bay
With ripples of waves and sea-grass spray,
And the great red flower of the light-house tower
Blooms on the headland far away.

Petal by petal its fiery rose
Out of the darkness buds and grows;
A dazzling shape on the dim, far cape,
A beckoning shape as it comes and goes.

A moment of bloom, and then it dies
On the windy cape 'twixt the sea and skies.
The fog laughs low to see it go,
And the white waves watch it with cruel eyes

Then suddenly out of the mist-cloud dun,
As touched and wooed by unseen sun,
Again into sight bursts the rose of light
And opens it petals one by one.

Ah, the storm may be wild and the sea be strong,
And man is weak and the darkness long,
But while blossoms the flower on the light-house tower
There still is a place for a smile and a song.

—*The Christian Union.*

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. Pepper's Wife.

And How Mr. Pepper Shut her up.

Mrs. Pepper, I labor under the impression that it is high time you were getting breakfast. As my former housekeeper understood my wishes with regard to these things, I never found it necessary to give any orders respecting them; but with you it is different. As you have not got a meal in this house, of course you know nothing of the regulations of the house.

In the first place, you will make a fire in the kitchen, put on the teakettle, etc. Then you will make a fire in here. That done, you will cook the breakfast and bring it in here, as I have always been accustomed to taking mine in bed, and I do not consider it necessary to depart from that custom on your account. But should you prefer it, you can eat yours in the kitchen, as it is perfectly immaterial to me.

This occurred the morning after Mrs. Pepper went to housekeeping. Mrs. Pepper was a sensible woman; she made no reply to Mr. Pepper's commands, but as soon as her toilet was finished she left the room, and sitting down in the kitchen, she thus ruminated:

Make the kitchen fire; yes, I'll do that, then make a fire in his bed-room; I'll see to that, too; then take the breakfast to his bedside: just see if I do! And then Mrs. Pepper sat and thought deeply for a few minutes, when, apparently having arrived at a satisfactory conclusion, she proceeded to business.

Having got a nice fire kindled in the kitchen, she carried some coal into Mr. P's apartment and filled up the stove, having first ascertained that there was not a spark of fire in it. That duty performed, she next prepared the breakfast, of which she partook with great relish; and after matters and things were all set to rights in the kitchen, she went downtown on a shopping excursion.

Meanwhile Mr. Pepper began to grow impatient. He "labored under the impression" that the atmosphere of his apartment did not grow warm very fast and he began to feel unpleasantly hungry. Peeping out from behind the bed curtains he saw how affairs were with regard to the stove. Something like a suspicion of the real state of affairs began to dawn upon his mind. He listened for a few minutes, but all was still about the house.

Hastily dressing himself, he proceeded to investigate the affair. He soon comprehended the whole of it, and was very wrathful at first; but he comforted himself with the reflection that he had the power to punish Mrs. P., and he felt bound to do it, too. After some search he found the remains of the breakfast, of which he partook with a gusto, and then he sat down to wait for Mrs. P.—She was a long time in coming, and he had ample time to nurse his wrath. While sitting there he thus soliloquized: That ever I, Philander Pepper, should be so treated, and by a woman, too, is not to be believed. I can't believe it; no, nor I won't either. But she shan't escape, that's certain; if she should my reputation for dignity would be forever gone; for haven't I told Solomon Simpleton all along how I was going to make my wife stand around, and how I was going to make her get up and make the fire every morning and let me lie in bed? and how I was going to shut her up and feed her on bread and water if she dared to say she wouldn't do it?

A cosy little arrangement that, Mr. Pepper, said a soft voice behind him.

Mr. P. started up, and there stood Mrs. P. right behind his chair, laughing just as hard as she could. Mr. Pepper put on a severe look.

Sit down in that chair, madam, he said, pointing to the one he had just vacated, while I have a little conversation with you.

Now I should be pleased to know why you did not obey my orders this morning, and where you have been all the forenoon.

Where I have been this forenoon, Mr. Pepper, I have not the least objection to telling you. I have been down town doing a little shopping. I have purchased some lovely napkins; just look at them, she said, holding them up demurely for inspection. I only paid a dollar apiece for them; extremely cheap, don't you think so? she added.

Mr. Pepper was astonished. How she dared turn the conversation in this way was a mystery to him. Suddenly his bottled wrath broke loose. Turning fiercely upon her, he said:

Betsey Jane, you disgust me. You seem to make very light of this matter; but it is more serious than you imagine, as you will find to your cost presently. If you do not instantly beg my pardon, in a submissive manner, I shall exert my authority to bring you to a proper sense of your misconduct by imprisoning you in one of my chambers until you are willing to promise a strict obedience to my wishes.

At the close of this very eloquent and dignified speech Mr. Pepper drew himself up to his full height and stationed himself before Mrs. P., ready to receive her expressions of sorrow and penitence. He had no doubt that she would fall down on her bended knees, Dear Philander, won't you please forgive me this time, and I'll never do so any more! pleaded in the most imploring manner. Betsey Jane, on the contrary, looked him right in the face!

Mr. Pepper was awfully wrathy. He spoke up in a voice of thunder and said:

Mrs. Pepper, walk right up stairs this very minute, and don't you let the grass grow under your feet while you are doing it either. You have begun your antics in good season, Mrs. Pepper; but I'll have you know that it won't pay to continue them any length of time with me, Mrs. Pepper. Again I command you to walk upstairs.

Well, really, Mr. P., it is not at all necessary for you to speak so loud; I am not so deaf as that comes to; but as to walking upstairs, I have not the least objection to doing so if you will wait until I have recovered from my fatigue, but I can't think of doing so before.

But you must, Mrs. P.

Then all I've got to say is this; you'll have to carry me, for I won't walk!

Mr. Pepper looked at his wife for a moment in the greatest astonishment; but as she began to laugh at him again, he thought to himself:

She thinks I won't do it, and hopes to get off in that way, but it won't do; upstairs she's got to go if I have got to carry her. So here goes.

And taking the form of his lady in his arms, he soon had the satisfaction of seeing her safely lodged in her prison; and carefully locking her in, he stationed a little red-headed youth on the front doorsteps to attend to callers and also to see that Mrs. P., did not escape; and then he betook himself to a restaurant for his dinner, and after dispatching that he hurried off to his office, and was soon engrossed in business.

About the middle of the afternoon our young sentinel rushed into the office and said, never stopping to take breath:

Mr. Pepper had better run home just as fast as ever he can, for that woman what's shut up he making an awful racket, and she be tearing around there and rattling things the distressingest kind; and if she hean't splitting up something or other, then I don't know what splitting be.

Without waiting to hear more Mr. P., seized his hat and hurried home at a most undignified pace.

Opening a hall door, he stole upstairs as carefully as possible, and applying his eye to the keyhole, he beheld a sight which made him fairly roar with rage.

Mrs. Pepper was sitting in front of the fireplace reading his love-letters. The one she was engaged in perusing at that particular moment was from a Miss Polly Primrose, who it appeared had once looked favorably on the suit of Mr. Pepper; but a more dashing lover appearing on the scene, Miss Polly sent him a letter of dismissal, promising her undying friendship, and accompanying the same with a lock of her hair and some walnut meats.

But it was not the love-letters alone that made Mr. P., so outrageous. He had been something of a traveler in his day, and had collected a great many curiosities in his rambles, which he had deposited in a cupboard in the very room where he had confined Mrs. Pepper, and she had got them all.

She had split up an elegant writing-desk with his Indian hatchet, in order to have a fire, as the day was rather chilly. In one corner of the fire place was Mr. P.'s best beaver filled with ashes, and in the other his wig filled with love-letters.

On a small table, close to her was a beautiful flat chain dish filled with bear's oil, in which she had sunk Mr. P.'s best satin cravat, and having fired one end of it, it afforded her sufficient light for her labors—for Mr. P., had closed the blinds for the better security of the culprit.

On some coals in front of the fire was Mr. P.'s silver christening bowl, in which Mrs. P., was popping corn which she ever anon stirred with his fiddle-bow, meanwhile occasionally punching up the fire with the fiddle, for Mr. P., had, with commendable foresight, removed the shovel and tongs.

Mr. Pepper condescended to peep through the keyhole until he had obtained a pretty correct idea of what was going on within. Never was Pepper so fired as he. He shook the door, but it was securely fastened within and resisted all his efforts to open it. He ordered Mrs. P., to open it instantly, or take the consequences; but, as she did not open it, it is to be presumed that she preferred the consequences. Mr. Pepper darted down stairs like a madman.

I must put a stop to this, he thought or I shall not have a rag of clothes to my back.

Procuring a ladder, he began to mount to the bed-room; but Mrs. P., was not to be taken so easily. She knew that he had left the door unlocked, for she had examined it as soon as he had left it; but she had no idea of letting him have the benefit of her fire; so, hastily seizing several large bottles of cologne, she threw the contents upon the fire, and in a few minutes had the satisfaction of seeing it entirely extinguished. That duty performed, she left the apartment; and locking the door, she stationed herself in a convenient position to hear everything that transpired within.

In a few moments Mr. Pepper was safe in the apartment, and as soon as he had closed the window he stood bolt upright in the middle of the room and said in a deep voice:

Jezebel, come forth!

No answer.

Jade, do you think to escape?

Still no response. Mr. P. begins to feel uneasy, and hastily commences to search the room, but has not proceeded far when he hears a slight titter somewhere in the vicinity of the door. He listens a moment and it is repeated.—Darting to the door, he attempts to open it, but he finds himself a prisoner. There is one more chance, he thinks, and he hurries to the window; but alas for poor Mr. Pepper! his wife has just removed the ladder, and he cannot escape.

He sits down on a chair and looks ruefully around him, and presently he arises and picks up a few fragments of a letter which are lying on the carpet, and finds they are from Polly Primrose. He wonders what she has done with the lock of hair.

At this moment his eyes falls upon his daguerreotype, which is lying on the table before him. Mechanically taking it up, he opens it and sees—what? nothing but his own face, all the rest of him being rubbed off, and around his lovely phiz is the missing curl, and the walnut meats are carefully stowed in the corner of the case. Mr. Pepper fairly blubbered aloud.

Good! thought Mrs. P., When you find your level I'll let you out, or not till then. A little wholesome discipline will do you good, and I'm fully prepared to administer it.

How long Mrs. Pepper kept her liege lord in durance vile deponent saith not, nor as to what passed between them when he was released from captivity are we any better informed; but of this we are certain: Mr. Pepper might have been seen a morning or two afterward to put his head into the bed-room and heard to say, in a very meek manner:

Betsey Jane, I've made the kitchen fire and put on the tea-kettle; won't you please get up and get breakfast?

A Touching Incident.

A sad and touching story is told of a scene witnessed at a terrible railway accident a few days ago near Jackson, Mich. While the dead and wounded were being extricated from the wreck, one lady, afterwards ascertained to be Mrs. Rice, of Philadelphia, was discovered to be dead with her arm wound around the neck of her little four-year old boy. Both lay under the car, the boy alive, but with his leg broken, and so surrounded, and confined that it was an hour or more impossible to get him out. James McDonough, on the round-house force, worked long and faithfully, without a moment's rest, to rescue the child. The poor little fellow moaned out: "Oht if 'oo tan only dit me out I'll be so good! Tate me out from here and I'll be a good boy! Tate me out and tate my mamma out!" At last McDonough freed him from the cars and Dr. McLaughlin tenderly set the little sufferer's leg. His father also lay mangled and dead behind him, but not where little Willie could see him.

A CITY'S DEBTS.

They Must Not Exceed the Limit.

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 10, 1879.

Justice Gordon, of the Supreme Court, to-day delivered an opinion in the case of Hindernecht & Scott against the city of Erie, defining the constitutional provision that no city shall increase her debt beyond 7 per cent. on her assessed valuation. The city had made a contract with Chas. M. Reed to build a new market house, for which it was to pay $1,500 or more annually for twenty-five years. The plaintiffs applied to Common Pleas Court, of Erie, for an injunction, on the ground that if the contract were carried out the city debt would be increased beyond 7 per cent. of the assessed valuation of the taxable property. The city filed a demurrer, but the Court overruled it and granted an injunction, when the city appealed the case to the Supreme Court, claiming this was not a debt within the meaning of the constitutional provision, and that said provision meant only permanent debts created by loan to be paid at some future fixed time, and not current liabilities, to be provided for and paid from year to year or month to month, such as work on streets, or building bridges, rent of Council rooms, contracts with private gas companies to light streets, etc. These were part of the annual expenses of the city and must be met.

Justice Gordon declares that the city's debt is now largely in excess of 7 per cent. He defines debt as a fixed and certain obligation to pay money or some valuable thing or things, either in the present or future. He supposes the market house to be completed and continues as follows: Is the city now under a fixed and certain obligation to pay at the end of one year a sum of $1,500? And if this sum is not so paid, will the city indebtedness be increased by just that amount? It certainly does not require a very astute intellect to answer these questions. Here is an agreement to pay, and that to pay must be provided for by taxation over and above what is now necessary expenses of the municipality. But this is just what the constitution intended—to prevent citizens from being overburdened with municipal taxation. It is idle to urge that this restriction includes only bonded indebtedness, for such is neither constitutional in letter or spirit. A floating debt usually ends in a bonded debt, and the former is just as obligatory as the latter. What difference does it make to an over-taxed citizen whether the debt for which his property is confiscated to pay is called floting or bonded? But it is said the act of Assembly empowers the city to build or rent a market house, and that the market house is necessary for the convenience of the people. Let it be so. Corporations, like natural persons, must do without conveniences when they have not money to pay for them. If the ordinary revenues of the city of Erie are not sufficient to meet its legitimate wants, and it must continually take upon itself new obligations for that purpose, it is clear that bankruptcy and financial ruin must occur sooner or later, and when these do occur it must learn, nolens volens, to live within its revenues. Therefore it would seem to be true wisdom to grapple with this evil at once, for it only assumes greater magnitude by procrastination. Be this, however, as it may, and conceding that in the sight of the municipal officers this kind of wisdom is but foolishness, nevertheless it is the foolishness of the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and so it must prevail. The decree is affirmed and the appeal dismissed, at the cost of the appellant."

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Smethport, Pa., November 20, 1879.

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—If you want a good durable lumber sleigh, look at some of Digel & Winds.

—Insure your life with W. H. Mandeville, Olean, N. Y tf

—If you want to buy a good stove cheap, call at Sprugues.

—Chew "Jackson's Best" Sweet Navy Tobacco. v16-n4-y1

—Have you seen those nobby lamps at Sprague's? He sells them very cheap.

—Get ready for winter by having your old cutters repaired and repainted at Digel & Winds.

—None but reliable insurance companies represented by W. H. Mandeville. tf.

—The Czar wears a mail shirt. He is right; a female shirt would look ridiculous.

—A little boy being asked, "What is the chief end of man?" replied "The end what's got the head on."

—One would think to look into Sprugues store that he intended to supply the whole county with stoves.

—Although elected for three years, the New Jersey Sheriffs are required to renew their ball each year.

—The beautiful snow is here, and Digel & Wind are also here with a full stock of cutters and sleighs of all descriptions.

—A Philadelphia barber refused to color Bob Ingersol's mustache, on the plea that it never should be said of him "that he dyed an infidel."

—A pretty girl won a musket at a lottery. When they gave it to her she asked, "Don't they give a soldier with it?"

—They don't call them "soft" young men now; the distressfully polite thing is to say: "They are the down of society."

—We will state for the benefit of some of our subscribers that we burn coal and cannot therefore take wood on account of subscription.

—You need not go away from home to get a good business sleigh or nobby cutter, when you can buy as good an article much cheaper at Digel & Winds and save freight.

—The advertisement of A. B. Armstrong in the *Democrat* calls attention to his stock of "Spring and Summer Goods." What are spring and summer drugs, Ali Pills and soda water, eh?

—"Never leave what you undertake until you can reach your arms around it and clinch your hands on the other side," is the advice given to young men. That's all very well, but suppose it is a girl who won't hug.

—Jas. Gorden Bennett's income from the *Herald* is said to be $1,500 per day. But for the benefit of those about embarking in the newspaper business we would say that they must not expect to make more than $1,000 a day for the first year.—Albany *Journal*.

—Porter Ostrander was severely injured on Monday while assisting in the moving of the Baptist Church. The sweep of the capstan escaped from control and swinging around hit him in the side, fracturing two of his ribs and for a few moments rendering him insensible. He soon recovered and it is hoped that his injuries will be but temporary.

—An observing exchange remarks: "If a man during fifty years chews every day two inches of solid plug, it will amount at the end of the half century to 6,366 feet, or a mile and a quarter of solid tobacco, half an inch thick and two inches broad, for which he will have paid, at present prices, two thousand three hundred and seventy-three dollars."

—Chas. F. Persons former proprietor of the Bradford Era and Webb Henry have purchased the Olean *Record* and the paper will hereafter be conducted as a democratic organ. Charley has heretofore been a pretty good Republican, and we presume is yet, but if he can make anything out the Cattaraugus Democracy he has a perfect right to it, and we wish him every success in his new field.

—Having had occasion to trace back some unseated land for the past 40 years we were surpised at the rapid advance in value judging by the taxes paid. One tract of a little over 1,000 acres in Hamilton Township for which taxes to the amount of $13.04 were paid in 1838 and 1839 for the years 1878 and 1879 foot up the respectable item of $237.80.

—Friday evening last five prisoners escaped from the jail at Mayville, Chautauqua county. They made their exit through an excavation under the wall, which it had taken some time to complete, and which they concealed while at work by a sink. Among those who escaped were Harry Hunter, Thomas Carroll and George Duff, all notorious pick-pockets. There is a suspicion that the prisoners were aided by outside parties.

A cotemporary puts the matter in this wise: When the business men of a town fail to advertise extensively they diminish the importance and trade of the place, and permit more enterprising localities to take the latter from them. Although done for their individual interest, advertisers should be looked on by citizens of the town [where they reside, as in some sense public benefactors, and they should be encouraged accordingly. One merchant who advertises extensively is worth to his own town and people, more than forty that never show themselves in print, and should be for this reason alone preferred, assuming that he is, of course, a fair business man.

—Thanksgiving next Thursday.

—We are now having a good taste of winter.

—Where is the chap who predicted an open winter?

—A train on the K. & E. road ran off the track near Baker trestle last Saturday. No one injured.

—The borough can now proceed to build a cross walk at the intersection of Church and King streets.

—The books and papers of the Prothonotary's and Commissioners' offices are being transferred to their new quarters.

—The Rev. W. B. Wagoner, pastor of the M. E. Church will preach at Farmer's Valley on Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m.

—The borough authorities are chuckling over the fact that there is yet money in the Treasury. Better expend it in the building of a few sluices, gentlemen.

—On account of delay in shipping the Ohio stone for the Court House, there will be very little if any cut this winter. This alone adds about $1000 to the expenses of the contractor.

—Under its new management we expect to witness many improvements in the Olean *Record*. Dickinson will find in Persons & Henry competitors worthy of his steel, and we would suggest a new dress for his daily Times the first thing.

—"Happy Jack," of Coleville is one of the heaviest citizens (avoirdupois weight) in that city. He is also enterprising and is now engineering the building of a much needed sidewalk. Jack is a heavy stepper and knows the need of a solid foot hold.

—Under the appropriate head will be observed the announcement of the marriage of our friend Mr. James A. Bond, of Hamlin township. The printers were duly remembered, for which we reciprocate with thanks and our best wishes.

—Here's richness—the Bradford Evening *Star* demanding from its county cotemporaries the publication of an adulatory "prospectus" in return for an exchange. It's all right, if the little twinkler can get it. But we think we can worry along without the *Star*.

—Within the radius of two miles from our court house there are five saw mills, and at the present time not two thousand feet of hemlock lumber can be bought at all of these mills combined. This looks rather strange in a hemlock country like ours, where every week during the autumn hundreds of feet of valuable timber is burned up in fallows. —*Potter Enterprise*.

—On Sunday evening and the four evenings following of next week, Major D. W. Hardley formerly of Buffalo a justly celebrated lecturer will deliver a series of Temperance addresses at the M. E. Church. The subject of the Majors lecture on Sunday evening next is "The Bible and the wine question." All are cordially invited to be present and friends are requested to bring their Moody and Sankey hymn books with them.

—We are glad to learn that Mr. Ruben, late of Syracuse, N. Y., well known among our citizens as a dealer in fine jewelry, contemplates locating in Smethport. He is making arrangements to put in a stock of gents' furnishing goods in the store adjoining the MINER office. He has already gained an eneviable reputation in this section as a perfectly reliable and honorable tradesman, and will prove a valuable acquisition to the business element of the borough.

—Marcus Bronson and Armor have bought of J. M. Tate the remainder of his land at Kinzua, comprising fifty acres, three wells, and two wells under way. It is understood the price paid was $85,000. Tate originally bought 100 acres for which he paid $50 per acre; afterwards sold fifty acres to M. Bronson for $80, and now the remaining fifty acres, which, including the oil already derived from the territory, gives him a snug profit out the transaction.

—Haskill & Gifford are making some much needed improvements in their store. They are connecting the first and second floors by means of a good easy flight of stairs from about the center of the first floor to the second story, which latter will be used as a ready made clothing department. With their constantly increasing custom their room is limited and they contemplate much more extensive additions and improvements next season.

—The price of the MINER was always two dollars a year until a few years ago when the present proprietor reduced it twenty-five per cent. in view of the hard times and the general reduction in the price of all commodities. Now business has revived and the cost of everything is advancing. The cost of paper stock especially is rapidly advancing. Yet we shall keep the subscription of the MINER at the former low figure as long as we can pay our paper bills. But we ought to have it in advance, certainly.

—It always did grieve us to have to apologize. We hate it, and seldom do it. But much as we hate it, we feel compelled to apologize for the lateness of this issue of the MINER. With a full force of workmen (thanks to our patrons) it is all we can do, and very often more than we can do, to keep up with our job work and get the paper out on time. This week we had everything in good shape by hard work, when we received an order yesterday morning for printing a legal pamphlet of about 50 pages solid printed matter, and the orders were that it must be finished by Friday night. There was no other way but to take part of the force off the paper. In consequence of which we are about 24 hours late. It could not be helped, and such is our apology.

—We look upon the demolishment of the Court House with some such feelings as a farmer now prosperous and rising in the world looks upon the fall of his old log hut, who while feeling proud and happy that continual increase of wealth warrants him in the building of a handsome and more commodious house yet cannot forget the time when he was in far less favorable circumstances the old house stood to him well. And so we feel toward our old house. It has stood us well for many years past and now that it is being razed feel a lively satisfaction in the knowledge that our county has sufficiently advanced in value to warrant the building of such a structure as the one now in contemplation.

MINERMENTION.

BY COOPER.

THANKSGIVING day is coming,
The opulent of the year,
When turkeys gobble their last gobble,
And lay upon their bier.

But let us all be happy,
And praise Him or'e and or'e,
Though many turkeys now be dead,
McKean has plenty more.

FIGURES that lie sometime—Figures of speech.

SOME men have a good supply of cheek but a very poor countenance.

FRANK STECKLER was roped in last Friday at Lebanon, Pa., the Sheriff did it with his little trap.

WHY is a baby in a poor man's house a great help? Because it is the succor of the family.

"It's just awful," remarked a young lady the other day who was looking very pale, "Paint has advanced."

WE predict an open winter since it has been reported that the author of "Beautiful Snow" is dead.

SOME children's school days are like a one horse railroad, frequent switches with an occasional "turnout."

TALK about your great mathematicians, why, a hog always makes his calculation by the square root.

A MAN who takes a city paper was in the office last week and inquired what time the 12:05 p.m., train left Smethport.

WHAT is the difference between our postoffice and one of our churches? One has the postmaster and the other has the most pastor.

"HEAVEN helps those who help themselves," muttered a man as he walked out of a store last evening with a pair of shoes under his coat.

STRANGE as it may seem, yet nevertheless true, that when you purchase fish by the pound, the scales are always thrown in.

TOLAND is the name of a man who committed suicide last week. There are lots of people who would follow his example if they knew where they were going to- land.

A YOUNG lad of seven summers in the quiet little city of Steubenville, Ohio, being asked why the saloons were closed on Sunday promptly replied, "so to give the drug stores a chance."

A DOWN town man has "sworn off" and no longer uses tobacco. He has had his teeth kalsomined, and he looks as if he had just tumbled out of a refinery of some kind.

IT is said that the wicked shall not prosper. Now we can't exactly understand this. Col. Ingersoll has been making lots of money during the last few years, while some ministers have failed to draw paying houses.

"SOULS of great men all remind us" said the shoemaker as he drove the last peg that held down the half sole, "that we departing, can leave awl behind us, that others seeing awl we left, can take heart again and save the soules of other men.

LONGFELLOW says: "Sunday is the golden clasp that binds together the volume of the week." Well, yes! we suppose that it does, but we know that Sunday night is the golden clasp that often binds together two loving hearts, as it were, in Smethport.

A SUITABLE texture for a baldheaded person would be mo' hair.—Marathon *Independent*.

"IT is never too late to mend," as the housewife said when darning stockings at midnight.—Rome *Sentinel*.

THE Waterloo *Observer* on cider: The fellow who asked for an explanation of the *cider* mill was told to go and look in cider.

CHESTAL, of the Hackensack *Republican*, is at it again. The length of a woman's train is generally in accordance with her add-dress.

THE end man on the Keokuk *Constitution* says: "The brother who prays the loudest in prayer meeting is a good man to watch in a horse trade."

WILKINS is sure there are persons that it is not safe to hold out the olive branch of peace to, unless you have a club in the other hand.—Turners Falls *Reporter*.

You may say what you about gamblers leading an idle life, it is a well known fact that they work card for a living.—Yonkers *Statesman*.

THE Whitehall *Times'* man has the following seasonable remarks to make: "A sheep was found frozen to death, on Wednesday morning of last week. Pretty early in the season for frozen weather."

WE hope that poor Greenslitt of the Danielsonville *Sentinel* don't speak from experience when he says: "The most correct way to determine a lady's age is to shut both your eyes and guess at it."

AND so you sleep on a feather bed, do you? We pity the readers of the McGregor *News*. You will generally find the warm-hearted man sleeping on a featherbed at this time of the year.

At Last!

Smethport can boast of having one of the best managed, if not the largest Wagon and Sleigh Manufacturing establishments in Northern Pennsylvania. Digel & Wind have now in stock the largest supply of sleighs and cutters ever shown in this place. They have also the "Boss" painter, and a No. 1 blacksmith, a first class worker in iron whose equal would be hard to find, and they are therefore turning out superior work and giving perfect satisfaction to customers. A visit to their factory will amply repay any one.

PROVIDING THE SINEWS.

TO PAY FOR THE COURT HOUSE—$50,000 TO BE RAISED—STATEMENT OF OUR FINANCIAL CONDITION.

The selection of plans and the letting of the contract for building the new Court House has been satisfactorily concluded. The old building is leveled to the ground, and the contractor is doing all that the season will permit towards putting up the new building. Now the most important question of all has to be considered—the providing of the wherewithal to foot the bills. It could not be expected that there would be stored in the county Treasury $75,000 awaiting such a draft upon its resources. Neither would it be wisdom or good policy. The only course open is to issue bonds in sufficient amount, pledging the credit and income of the county to their payment. The law plainly fixes the manner of proceedure in issuing bonds, or as it is styled, increasing the indebtedness of municipalities. For an increase of debt to an amount not exceeding two per centum of the last assessed valuation it only requires that the Commissioners shall file in the office of the Clerk of the Quarter Sessions a statement showing the indebtedness of the county, the amount of the last preceeding assessed valuation of the taxable property therein, the amount of debt to be incurred, the form, number and date of maturity of the obligations to be issued therefor, and the amount of the annual tax levied and assessed to pay the said indebtedness. This statement has been prepared, and as a matter of interest to the taxpayers and public generally, we copy from it some of the more important portions.

As to the indebtedness of the county the following statement is made:

COUNTY INDEBTEDNESS

Jail Bonds dated July 1, 1875	$13,200 00
Jail Bonds dated Jan. 4, 1877	2,832 00
Jail Bonds dated Dec. 12, 1877	1,760 00
C'nty Bonds dated Meh 1, '79	24,700 00
Interest due on Bonds	715 00
Outstanding County orders	548 37
Amount due Treasurer at last Auditors' settlement	12,769 79
	$55,943 05

ASSETS.

Amount due from collectors on seated tax of 1878 and 1879 less exonerations and commissions	$30,000 00
Amount of Jail fund on hand	9,264 61
Unseated County tax of '78	9,000 00
Unseated Jail tax of 1878	4,020 00
Unseated County tax of '79	9,000 00
Unseated Bond tax of 1879	9,000 00
	$70,284 60
Assets above indebtedness	$14,622 55

By the above statement it will be seen that the present available assets of the county, should there be no more expenses incurred or taxes levied, would pay the whole indebtedness and leave a balance in the Treasury of over $14,000. In other words the county is out of debt, with a nice little sum to its credit. The last assessed valuation of the county was $3,850,958. Therefore with a limit of two per centum of that amount the law permits the Commissioners to incur an indebtedness of $77,000; and it has been decided to issue, at the present time, bonds to the amount of $50,000. The next assessment, which is now being taken, will raise the valuation of the county to double the last assessment, when another issue will be made if necessary. The bonds that are now to be issued will draw six per cent interest, payable semi-annually, and will mature and be payable as follows:

Two thousand, Jan. 1, 1881.
Two thousand five hundred, Jan. 1, 1883.
Twelve thousand, July 1, 1882.
Two thousand five hundred, Jan. 1, 1883.
Three thousand Jan. 1, 1884.
Twelve thousand, July 1, 1884.
Two thousand, Jan. 1, 1885.
Two thousand, Jan. 1, 1886.
Twelve thousand, July 1, 1886.

That there will be no difficulty in disposing of the bonds is very evident from the fact that the Commissioners Clerk has already on file applications for nearly the full amount of this issue, and nearly all from citizens of the county.

An Acceptable Punishment.

We have followed the profession of journalism for a goodly number of years, and supposed that we had experienced all the trials and vicissitudes incident to the calling. But it was not until last week Friday that our cup was completely filled. On that day we received a severe caning! The infliction found us unarmed, and we made no resistance, but bore our punishment unflinchingly and with all the heroism of soul we could possibly muster. But really the punishment was just what we like, and wanted, and did not involve a very painful laceration of person or feelings either. The "caning" to which we refer was administered out of the kindest and most generous impulses of a friend whose friendship we duly appreciate and highly prize, and the cane itself is an elegant and richly carved gold mounted one, and we shall proudly carry it as we trudge along in the journey of life as a reminder that we have always found the donor to be one friend whom we could always respect and always trust. He is not of the kind who advertise his kindly deeds, and we will not "give him away" and must leave the reader dying with curiosity as to his identity.

Ho! for Thanksgiving.

A Thanksgiving dinner without a turkey is a tame affair, and a turkey without oysters is a blank barren ideality. This fact being settled the further important fact is that at Pierce's Restaurant is the place to buy oysters for this and all other occasions. He makes a specialty of oysters and has a full stock of meats and cans at all times, and will sell them as low, if not lower, than other dealers.

The Final Decision.

The case of Andrew Tracy came before the Board of Pardons on Tuesday and was argued for two hours, Messrs Mason and Richmond representing the defendent, and District Attorney Smith the Commonwealth. On Wednesday morning the Board recorded a unanimous decision, refusing to recommend commutation of sentence.

Prejudice Kills.

"Eleven years our daughter suffered on a bed of misery under the care of several of the best (and some of the worst) physicians, who gave her disease various names but no relief, and now she is restored to us in good health by as simple a remedy as Hop Bitters. She was prostrated at for two years before using it. We earnestly hope and pray that no one else will let their sick suffer and die on account of prejudice against a good a medicine as Hop Bitters." The parents.

Fire at Red Rock.

Monday morning, between twelve and one o'clock the Parsons House at Red Rock, was discovered to be all on fire. When the alarm was first given the flames had gained such headway that it was impossible to do a single thing toward extinguishing them. The occupants were obliged to escape through the windows, leaving everything behind them. Not a thing was saved. A large store close by, belonging to Mr. Burt, of Randolph, was on fire several times, but by prompt and vigorous action it was saved.

It was supposed that the house was fired by the ignition of the natural gas used in the house. We are not able at present to state the exact loss, or whether the house was insured or not.

SOMETHING ON OIL.

HOW IT IS SPECULATED IN.

There is just now a lively interest taken in the petroleum market. The "intricating material for the earth's axis" has been jumping up and down in a lively way for some time past. It was only a few days ago that crude oil took an upward jump of fifteen cents a barrel in a day. Agitation in the market has necessarily produced comment which is broader and more widely circulated than usual, and which has attracted the attention of many who are non-speculative in their business transactions. The method of handling oil on the exchange has grown in a few years from an chaotic jumble to a neat and scientific unity of purpose and design, and it will be of interest to the uninitiated to learn how the "oil market" is handled. When the oil has been brought to the top of the ground, it depends upon the facilities of the producer as to its mode of treatment. If a man has only a few wooden tanks which are already full of oil he must necessarily dispose of his production at once as it is being pumped. He turns it over to the United Pipe Lines and it becomes "shipment" oil over which the producer has no control. If the producer on the other hand has iron taukage of his own sufficient to hold a large quantity of his production, his tanks are placed "on the line" of the United Lines, and they take charge of his oil and give him either simply a credit on their books for so much oil, or if he desires it, they give him a certificate to the effect that so many barrels of oil are due from the United Lines to the person to whom the certificate is given, or to whoever he may transfer it. These certificates are the basis upon which the bulk of the business is transacted in the exchanges. The certificates are almost always for 1,000 barrels, and when they are for a larger or a smaller number than this, specific mention is always made of the fact. In other words a "certificate" means 1,000 barrels of oil. These certificates are transferrable at the option of the holder by simply endorsing them on the back like a bank check. The banks, when certificates first came into existence, were very shy of handling them and would only take them at a heavy discount as collateral but now they are regarded as first rate securities and the holders of them can obtain money on them as readily as upon a certified check. Certificates are good for six months from the time they are issued. Then they have to be "freshened," as it is called. The United Pipe Lines in order to keep track of the certificates they have issued, compel the persons holding them to present them every six months at the company's office and get a renewal which is good for six months more, a new certificate being given. One of the main objects of this freshning process is to pay the United Lines the storage tax on the oil, which is 1¼ cents per barrel per month, or fifteen cents a year. This has to be paid before the certificate is freshened. The seller of a certificate always pays the storage. If Jones has a certificate dated January the 1st, and sells it on March 1st to Smith, he deducts from the amount charged the purchaser, two month's tankage. Smith sells it on March 3d to Jackson and in turn takes out the day's storage charges. The oil on which the tankage is paid at the end of every six months is called "old" oil, in contradistinction to oil on which the tankage is paid fifteen days in advance. This is called "strictly"—or in other words it is "strictly fresh." The difference in the quoted price of "old" and "strictly" is simply the amount of the tankage charge. In buying oil on a margin the same methods are adopted as in buying stocks. The usual margin for privileges that are of short duration is 25 cents per barrel. The brokers charge is five-eighths of a cent per barrel. "Sellers options" and "buyers options" of course are used just as in buying other property with values that are speculative.

If there is a desire to deal in the article itself, it can be done with certificates just as well as if one owned iron tanks and placed the oil in them, the only thing necessary being to freshen the certificates as shown above.

At the present time there are about 3,980 certificates in existence, and it is estimated that 3,000 of them are held in Pittsburgh. About a million of barrels of this oil was bought at 90, so the present advance will net a handsome profit to the speculators. — Pittsburgh *Telegraph*.

—Elmira people have discovered that their city is built on the site of the Garden of Eden, and that the Chemung river is the one that Eve did her washing in. There must have been some climatic changes, or that fig leaf dress would have been to diaphanous. They started a subscription fund to erect a monument to Adam. Elmira proposes to erect a monument to the serpent who flourished there. He was the only bright passenger in the original party.—*Port Jervis Union*.

Notice to Patrons.

At the first of next month, and of each month thereafter, it is our purpose to send to all of our advertising and job-ing patrons monthly statements. It will be an advantage to them as much as to ourselves to have monthly settlements, or at least in the case of those of our friends with whom we have running accounts to know each month how the accounts stand. We are required and do pay our bills for paper, type and labor promptly and are ready to settle all bills when presented, and have a right to expect those of our patrons indebted to us to do the same. Our terms for job printing are cash, and with the advancing price of paper and low rates for printing we could not give long time if we would. We have adopted this policy hoping to start the year 1880 upon as nearly a cash basis as possible.

A Serious Accident.

Will Picard, a son of M. H. Picard, the grocer and confectioner, met with a serious accident last Friday morning, while at work assisting in taking down the walls of the old Court House. He was at work on the second floor, when a timber upon which he was standing gave way precipitating him heavily upon the floor below. He struck partly upon his side, and although the surgeon who was at once summoned could not discover that any bones were broken, it was evident that he was severely and possibly fatally injured internally. He was taken home and for several days his recovery seemed almost hopeless. But he is now slowly improving, yet it will be a long time before he recovers finally.

Cutters.

Now is the time to secure your Cutters before the price goes up. A very large stock of them at Moore's Carriage Works, Olean, N. Y. Parties or clubs of three can get the wholesale rate. 8t

MARRIED.

BOND—LACKEY.—In Genesee, N. Y., Nov. 13, 1879, by Rev. M. S. Wardner, Mr JAS. A. BOND of Smethport, Pa., and Miss AMY K. LACKEY, of Genesee, N. Y.

LEGAL.

Register's Notices.

ADMINISTRATORS and Guardians accounts having been settled in the office of the said Register the same will be presented for confirmation at the Orphans' Court of said county to be held at Smethport, Pa., on the third Monday of December, A. D. 1879, viz:

W. L. Lewis, administrator of the estate of John Newcomb, late of Duke Center, McKean county, Pa., deceased.

E. Flint and John G. Hall, administrators of the estate of Paul Hall, late of Liberty township, McKean county, Pa., deceased.

Claud V. Gillis and Joshua Davis, administrators of the estate of William Collerign, late of Wetmore township, McKean county, Pa., deceased.

Claud V. Gillis and Joshua Davis, administrators of the estate of Susan Collerign, late of Wetmore township, McKean county, Pa., deceased.

J. Crosse, guardian of Thomas Thorry, minor child of the late William Thorry, of Bradford township, McKean county, Pa., deceased

16-3 JOHN S. SHAWLEY, Register.

Assignees' Sale.

PURSUANT to an order of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county, Penna., the undersigned, assignees of Lucius Rogers, an insolvent debtor, will on the 6th day of December, A. D. 1879, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day expose to public sale at the Court House in the borough of Smethport in said county, the following described pieces and parcels of real estate upon the following terms: one-third of the purchase money in cash at the time of the sale, one-third with interest in six months and the remaining one-third with interest in twelve months from the time of the sale; the time payments to be secured by judgment bond or note, viz:

1st. The east half of square 66 in the plot of the borough of Smethport, upon which is the house formerly occupied by the said Rogers, together with a horse-barn, well of water and a quantity of fruit trees.

2d. Three lots in square 63 of said borough plot, each lot fronting 4 rods on King street and running back 16 rods. The lot on the east side of said square has a large frame barn on the north end of it.

3d. Four lots fronting on Green street in square 81 in said borough plot 4 by 16 rods in size.

4th. Square No. 20 in said borough plot, on which is a fine young orchard.

5th. Half square No. 7 in said borough plot.

6th. Thirty acres and 75 perches of outlots in said borough plot, lying north of and adjoining squares 82, 81, 80, 79 and 78 in said borough plot.

7th. The Saw, Planing, Shingle, Lath and Feed Mills, dams and water-privileges, store building and barn, together with about 12 acres of land, known as the Rogers mill property.

8th. The farm in Keating township, adjoining the borough of Smethport, containing 130 and three-tenths acres and allowances, upon which is one two-story house with wing attached, two large barns, an ice-house, a small orchard and a good well of water.

9th. 113 acres of unseated land in subdivisions 79 and 84, Sergeant township, in said county.

10th. The undivided one-half part of 300 acres of land in Wetmore township, McKean county, being part of Warrant 5784.

11th. Lot No. 283 of the allotment of Keating lands in the township of Keating in warrant No. 3057 containing 97 and four-tenths acres.

12th. The undivided one-half interest in fifty acres of land in warrant No. 6197, Sergeant twp., in said county.

13th. The undivided one-half interest in 200 acres of land in warrant No. 4875, Hamilton township, in said county.

J. C. BACKUS,
A. B. ARMSTRONG,
Assignees.

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ESTATE OF O. E. WHEDON, LATE OF Kendall Borough,

Letters of administration upon the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons having claims against the same will present them for payment, and those indebted thereto, will please make immediate payment to CHARLES WHEDON,
Administrator.

Kendall, Oct. 28, 1879.—17 3.

Auditor's Notice.

The undersigned having been appointed by the Court an auditor to distribute the money arising from Sheriff sale of the property of C. D. Greenlee, on writs wherein D. Emery, Jr. & Co., A. K. Walker et al. were Plaintiffs, will attend to the duties of his appointment at his office, in the borough of Smethport, on Thursday, December 4, 1879, at 10 o'clock a. m., at which time and place all parties interested in said fund can present their claims.

23 ROBT. H. ROSE.

Auditors' Notice.

A. F. Bard & Co. vs. Arthur Homesholder & L. L. Lillibridge. } No. 1 June Term, 1879.

Having been appointed auditor to distribute money arising from the Sheriff's sale on the above writ, I hereby notify all parties interested that I will attend to the duties of said appointment at my office, in the borough of Smethport, on Saturday, Dec. 13, 1879, at which time and place they may be present if they see proper. ROBT. H. ROSE.

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AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

The undersigned, an Auditor, appointed by the Court to hear, restate the account generally, in the matter of the administrator's account of M. N. Powell, deceased, and report upon the exceptions filed to said report by the firm of Barrett Brothers, and the validity of their Mechanic's Lien, will meet the parties interested for the purposes of his appointment on Thursday, December 11, 1879, at one o'clock p. m., at his office in the borough of Smethport.

17-4 M. N. ORR, Auditor.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF McKean county. No. 124 June term, 1879. Anna Putnam, by her next friend; Evi Aldrich, vs. George Putnam. Libel and divorce. Whereas, Subpoena and alias Subpoena in the above case been returned 3dNil, George Putnam, the above named respondent, you are hereby notified to appear before the Judges of our said Court on Monday, the fifteenth day of December next, to show cause, if any you have, why a divorce from the bonds of matrimony should not be granted to the Libellant, agreeably to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided. E. H. CARTWELL, Sheriff.

C. D. LONGVELLOW, Att'y for Libellant.—1.

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